

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A wheel (1, 1a, 1b) for ~~a piece~~ an item of sports equipment, ~~especially for grass skiing,~~ comprising a rim (2) and a tire (3) that consists of several layers, is fastened to the rim (2) and is provided with a tread (9), and at least one support element (6) for the tire (3), which support element is provided with a resilient configuration and extends in a curved manner from a first bearing section (5) to a second bearing section (5), wherein the support element (6) supports the tire (3) essentially along ~~the~~ an entire distance of ~~the~~ a cross section thereof, and ~~that~~ the tire (3) is provided, adjacent to the tread towards ~~the~~ an interior of the wheel, with a layer (10) that is elastic in ~~the~~ a direction of a thickness thereof.
2. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the first and second bearing section (5) are arranged at mutually opposite sides of the outer circumference of the rim (2).
3. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of support elements (6) are provided which are arranged in the circumferential direction at a distance next to one another.
4. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the layer (10) which is elastic in the direction of thickness consists of sponge rubber and comprises a thickness (D2) in the medial

plane (2a) which is at least five times but preferably ten times as large as the thickness (D1) of the tread (9).

5. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 3, wherein the support elements (6) are arranged as meandering spring wires.

6. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein additional spring elements are provided for supporting the support elements (6).

7. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the support element (6) is clamped on the rim (2).

8. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the support element (6) is articulated on the rim (2).

9. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the support element (6) is resiliently held on the rim (2).

10. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the wheel (3) is rigidly connected on both sides with the rim (2) and rests freely on the support element (6).

11. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the wheel (3) is provided with a three-layer configuration and

consists of a tread (9), a soft-elastic inner layer (10) and a support layer (11).

12. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein an engagement element (13) is provided on the rim (2) adjacent to the wheel (3), which engagement element extends along the circumference of the rim (2).

13. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the wheel (3) is provided with a non-pressurized configuration.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A wheel (1; 1a, 1b) according to claim 1, wherein the outside diameter of the rim (2) corresponds to approximately half the outside diameter (D) of the tire (3).

15. **(Currently Amended)** ~~A piece~~ An item of sports equipment, especially ~~for grass skiing~~, comprising a frame (20) which extends in the longitudinal direction and on which at least two wheels (1; 1a, 1b) with elastically deformable tires (3) are rigidly held, a binding (21) for fastening the sports ~~device~~ equipment item to a shoe (22) of a person ~~using the sports device~~, with a front wheel (1a) ~~being~~ arranged in front of the binding (21) and a rear wheel (1b) ~~being~~ arranged behind the binding (21), and with an extension (25) ~~being~~ provided on the frame (20) behind the rear wheel (1b), which extension is ~~designated for steering the sports device~~ equipment item and comprises at its distal end a support section

(26), wherein the extension (25) can be brought by displacement of weight from a position above the ground level (27) to a position in which as a result of sufficient deformability of the wheels (1; 1a, 1b) it simultaneously touches the ground (27) with the front and rear wheels (1a, 1b), and ~~that at least one wheel (1; 1a, 1b) is arranged according to~~ claim 1 comprises a tire (3) that consists of several layers, is fastened to the rim (2) and is provided with a tread (9), and at least one support element (6) for the tire (3), which support element is provided with a resilient configuration and extends in a curved manner from a first bearing section (5) to a second bearing section (5), wherein the support element (6) supports the tire (3) essentially along an entire distance of a cross section thereof, and the tire (3) is provided, adjacent to the tread towards an interior of the wheel, with a layer (10) that is elastic in a direction of a thickness thereof.

16. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein the extension (26) is fastened to the frame in a resilient manner.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein the extension (26) is elastic.

18. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein the support section (26) is provided with a plate-like configuration.

19. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein the diameter (D) of the wheels (1; 1a, 1b) is between 20% and 50%, preferably approximately 30% of the axial distance (L).
20. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein the binding (21) is arranged directly in front of the rear wheel (1b).
21. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein the frame (20) is provided with a rigid configuration.
22. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein the distance (A) of the support section (26) from the axle (29) of the rear wheel (1b) is between 30% and 60%, preferably between 40% and 50% of the axle base (L).
23. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein at nominal load the support section (26) is at a height (x) above the ground which is lower than the path (y, z) by which the rear wheel (1b) or the front wheel (1a) are deformed.
24. **(Previously Presented)** A sports device according to claim 15, wherein at nominal load the path (y, z) by which the rear wheel (1b) or the front wheel (1a) are deformed is larger than 15 mm.